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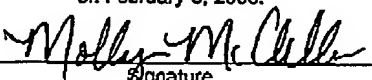
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

In re Application of: RIES et al.  
For: CONNECTOR ASSEMBLY FOR CONNECTING A LEAD  
AND AN IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE  
Serial No.: 10/632,028  
Filed: 07/31/2003

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Applicants: Andrew J. RIES, et al. Examiner: ALTER, Alyssa M  
Serial No. 10/632,028 Group Art Unit: 3762  
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